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FANWOOD

NOTICE TO PARENTS

It is planned to have the closing exercises of the School this year on Friday afternoon, June 12th, the graduation ceremonies to begin at 3 o'clock. These exercises will be held on the School grounds, outdoors if possible; indoors in our Chapel in the case of inclement weather.

The Annual Meeting of Members and the election of Officers and Directors of the School was held on Tuesday afternoon, May 19th, at 4:30 o'clock. The Ladies Committee held a Vocational Exhibition, Sale and Bazaar on the same afternoon, from one-thirty until six o'clock. More details will be published next week.

Mr. Philip Hiss, of our Board of Directors, has sent us the following "mottoes," which appear in an English workshop in a Vocational Center. The quotations are taken from Sir Philip Gibbs' book "England Speaks:"

A first-class will and a second-class brain will defeat first-class brains and a second-class will.

This world would be a very quiet world if those who have nothing to say, said it.

God gave the little squirrels acorns to eat, but he didn't throw them into their nests.

Worry is the interest paid on trouble before it comes due.

Never forget that the darkest hour is only sixty minutes.

Don't despise the little things. Often the mosquito is more bother than the elephant.

If you must ride on the wagon, don't drag your feet.

Hot air can take a balloon a long way, but it can't keep it there.

It is better to give than to lend and it costs about the same.

Some men's brains commence working the moment they wake and never stops until they start work.

PUPPET SHOW

Last Thursday afternoon the pupils of the Kindergarten and Primary Department, together with several classes of cadets, assembled in the chapel to witness the puppet show "Oliver Twist" given by the Federal Theatre Project of New York City. The characters in order of presentation were Mr. Salisbury, "Oliver Twist," Mr. Grimwig, a skeleton, Fagin, a Jew, Jack Dodge Dawkins, Charley Bates, Nancy Fida, a dog, Mr. Brownlow and a policeman.

The scenes were 1, An Undertaker's Office, 2, Fagin's Den, 3, A Street Scene, 4, Another view of Fagin's Den.

The pupils were highly entertained by the unique figures that so vividly portrayed.

The Electrical and Physics classes of twenty-six boys, visited the New York Museum of Science and Industry, located in the R. C. A. Building, Radio City, Tuesday afternoon, May 12th.

This Museum was established to reveal science to the layman, by showing the great discoveries of science that have been translated by industry into our daily lives. The museum is composed of more than 2,000 permanent exhibits, of which 400 are in operation or can be set in operation by the visitor by the press of a button, the turn of a crank or the pull of a lever.

There are eleven divisions of exhibits; of the eleven the boys found the following the most interesting: Highway, Railroad and Marine Transportation, Aviation, Communication, Power and Electrical Science and Technology.

The Highway Safety Demonstration, in cooperation with the Bureau

of Street Traffic Research of Harvard University, was the most popular. Each boy, including the teacher, took the following tests which included: braking reaction, traffic light color, glare, speed estimation, and steering. In return each one got a permanent record. These demonstrations are used chiefly to show how the individual compares with the average person in some of the more important factors that make up driving skill. A low score in one or more tests means that one ought to try to improve that particular phase of their driving. The boys found the visit very interesting and educational. The arrangements for the visit and supervision were under the direction of Mr. Thranhardt. Our last trip for this school year will be June 3d. This will be a visit to the United States Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SCOUT NOTES

Mr. Dan Tucker of the Troop Committee, was at our meeting recently and presented the following scouts their registration cards: N. Rakochy, A. Scanippico, W. Weisblatt, D. Abbott, H. Altsitzer, L. Sadowsky, E. Cartwright, M. Schlissel, R. Anderson, M. Greenstone, J. Connelly, L. Forman, B. Argule, J. LoBrutto and A. Milnerowicz. Then Mr. Tucker gave a short talk, which elicited a "How." Plans were discussed for a District Rally, and an excursion to White Plains to be held this month. Before the close of the meeting, two boys went through the "Mill."

CUB PACK

On May 18th, Cubmaster Greenberg and Den Chief Forman took 20 Cubs to Governor's Island for their second educational trip. On arrival at the Island, an Army officer took note of the neckerchiefs our Cubs were wearing. This led him to meet us as he is connected with Cub Pack 21. We discussed many interesting things, and as a result are participating in a meeting for both of our Packs in the Fall.

Governor's Island was first called "Nutten" by the Dutch for its quantity of nut trees. Later the early governors used to live there. That is why it is called Governor's Island. There are historic places dated back to 1812. Some of the places are now used as officers' quarters. The Cubs were shown the barracks, old mote and drawbridge which were used to keep the Indians away. The boys were impressed with the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the view of skyscrapers and outgoing ships. Soldiers graciously answered the 1001 questions the boys asked, including the meaning of badges, medals, etc., on uniforms of the soldiers. All of the Cubs took part in the competitive games including baseball, track events, and head and tail, and though they were "starved," they were too tired to eat everything they brought along.

The Varsity baseball game scheduled for last Wednesday, May 20th, with St. Joseph School for the Deaf was cancelled, due to inclement weather.

Efforts are being made to bring Harrison High School to our field this Friday, May 22d. The game had originally been scheduled for their field in Harrison, N. Y.

On May 23d, the all important game against our worthy and esteemed rivals takes place at the Fanwood field. The team is eager to overcome the "Jersey Jinx" that has followed our basketball team for the last two years.

On Saturday, May 16th, the N. Y. S. D. "Third Team" lost an 8-1 decision to the Ramblers Baseball Club. The contest saw the debut of Jules Pivarnik (brother of Bela), as a pitcher. From what was seen, great things are expected in a year or two of him.

The Senior Softball Tournament has witnessed several "slug fests." In the last three games played, a total of 91 runs have been scored! The results: Israel's "Midgets" 11, Friedman's "All Stars" 10, Demicco's "Lions" 20, Solomon's "Tigers" 15, Hovanec's "Gorilla's" 26, Lodese's "DiMaggio's" 6.

In the Junior Division, Lerner's team conquered Gordon's, and D. Hecht's contingent emerged the victor in their stirring contest over Goldenberg's aggregation.

The Intramural Tennis Tournament has almost progressed to the second round. Only a few matches remain to be played in the first round. In Division "A," the victors have been Cadets Lindfors, Feig, Stoller and Granath. Division "B" saw Cadets H. Hecht, Gaden and Konrady pass to the second round.

The warm weather has turned the "country boys" to the great outdoors. As a result, Cadets Gaska, Tice and Stupfer among others, have been tossing the "horseshoes" by the hour. The boys have hopes of winning County championship this summer "back home," and if the marksmanship displayed now is any sign, they will win in a walk.

New York City Notes

H. A. D.

A two-year-old bill, with a view to pay benefits to members who fall sick or meet accidental injury—finally became a law at the May meeting on the 17th. In the evening a fine movie program was given. The feature picture was entitled "The Wandering Jew," which told the story of the life of Theodor Herzl who founded Zionism, which established publicity for the Jewish people and secured a home in Palestine, the "land of their fathers." The following two-reels were also shown: A group of deaf people visiting the Gallaudet Home for the Aged Deaf, which was photographed by Mr. Max Lubin a few years ago; "Hunting Big Game in Africa, Felix the Cat cartoon, Our Gang comedy, and another comedy entitled "Movie Mad."

Annual Memorial Services in commemoration of the departed members will be held on the grounds of the H. A. D. at New Mount Carmel Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 24th, at 3 o'clock. In case of rain, postponement to June 7th. To get there take 14th B.M.T. cross-town subway to Myrtle Avenue station; on street, take Richmond Hill trolley marked "Jamacia" to 66th Street and walk one block on your right to entrance of cemetery. The special service will be the unveiling of a stone to the late Mrs. Mollie Mayers.

The Friday evening services will close for the summer season on the 22d. Confirmation and closing exercises of the Religious School of H. A. D. for Fanwood boys will take place at the Temple Beth-El, Fifth Avenue and 76th Street, on Sunday afternoon, May 31st, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fleischer are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces, which came to gladden their home on May 6th. The baby is named May Lorraine.

NEW YORK CITY

ST. ANN'S NOTES

The Right Reverend Arthur S. Lloyd, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, will visit St. Ann's Church on Sunday afternoon, May 24th. This is the Sunday after Ascension, according to the Church Calendar.

The Bishop's Visitation is always an important event. The Church service will begin at 4 o'clock, daylight time. A class of several candidates will be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation at this service. A number of hearing people will be present, relatives of the Confirmation candidates and other friends of the deaf. The Bishop's sermon will be interpreted, as well as the service of prayer.

A surprise birthday party was given at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohen's apartment in honor of Bert Cohen's 28th birthday, May 9th. Bert's real birthday is May 20th, but Mr. and Mrs. Cohen arranged it ahead of time to prevent Bert from suspecting. Everybody enjoyed their success.

When Bert came to Mr. and Mrs. Cohen's apartment with a couple of his friends to accompany them, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen sadly informed Bert that his nephew, Jerry, was not well and told him to go quietly to the living room. There being no lights, he was suddenly pounced upon by the gathering.

Refreshments of potato salad, sandwiches, cakes, etc., besides a large birthday cake were served by Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, ably assisted by Mrs. E. Dorfman. Mr. Charles Brenner acted as toastmaster and in behalf of the gathering presented him with a purse of fifteen dollars and other gifts.

The Manhattan Division, No. 87, N. F. S. D., wishes to remind the deaf that its affair will take place at St. Ann's Auditorium, 511 West 148th Street, this coming Saturday evening, May 23d, at 8:15 o'clock. Bridge and "500" that will make the occasion pleasant will be put over. Admission is thirty-five cents, and free refreshments and cash prizes will be given. Since it is real Spring, a large crowd is expected to "spring up" for this affair. Remember the date—Saturday, May 23d. Begin getting ready now to be there and spend an enjoyable evening with your friends.

Mrs. E. Auerbach and her daughter, Sylvia, went to Washington, D. C., to visit Leon Auerbach, a graduate of Fanwood school, who is attending Gallaudet College. They stayed only for a day, and saw everything that is possible to see in one day. Mrs. Auerbach has traveled extensively and says that Washington is the most beautiful city she has ever seen. A few of the boys of Gallaudet, including Leon, son of Mrs. Auerbach, escorted them all over town.

Mrs. Lillie Malone was hostess to the Loyalty Social girls last Sunday, Mother's Day. Miss Willa Gantt was handed a beautiful variety of flowers in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Ella S. Gantt. Mrs. C. Morris and Mrs. S. Anderson, of Philadelphia, were visitors.

The Brooklyn Guild for the Deaf will have a "Springtime" festival at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., near DeKalb Avenue, on Saturday evening, May 23d. Prizes will be awarded the winners of games.

OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Mr. Wm. T. Uren, School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio.

Ohioans have been sweltering in an early heat wave for the last week. Heat records for this time of the year have been broken every day. Today is much cooler owing to a drizzling downpour, but the weatherman has promised more heat after the rain clouds move away.

Mr. Abe Greener returned to Columbus from sunny Florida sometime in the early part of this month. He is still his old self and always walks to the school from his home in spite of his 87 years of life. Looking at the evening edition of the *Columbus Dispatch*, the many local friends of Mr. Greener were surprised to see a very good picture of him on the first page. It showed Mr. Greener casting his ballot in the primary elections, he is quoted as saying, "I've voted every time there has been an election. I've never missed one yet." The picture appeared under the headline "Young and Old Turn Out to Vote." Mr. Greener represents the "old," while two cute youngsters represent the "Young."

Miss Pieruella, of Columbus, has been seeking employment in vain for the last several years, she called on Agent Taylor to help her in her quest. She is an experienced cigar maker, but machines have taken the place of many cigar rollers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Croghan have returned to live in Springfield, after living in Dayton for about three months. Mrs. Croghan is the former Miss Margaret Lauver. Mr. Croghan is a hard-of-hearing young man, and is well liked among the Springfield and Columbus deaf.

Miss Anna Mae Booher has moved to Tippicanoe City from Vandalia. A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Croghan, accompanied by Carl Beckman, paid her a visit and found Mr. and Mrs. Ryder and Mr. Ed. Gard also paying Anna Mae a visit. This made quite a nice crowd and plenty of news was exchanged all round.

Mr. John (General) Fryfogle went to Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 9th to order a new brace for his legs. While there he attended the banquet given by the Pittsburgh division of the N. F. S. D. He was surprised to meet Mrs. Diel, formerly Miss Dorothy George, a former pupil of the Ohio School. The General also enjoyed a talk with Mr. Bohner of Altoona, Pa. Mr. Bohner works in the chemistry department of the Pennsylvania R.R. He studied chemistry at the Ohio State University and is a product of the Mt. Airy School.

Three former pupils, Misses H. Wilson, K. Rutherford and M. Shank were visitors at the school on Monday. They had a pleasant time calling on their former teachers and friends. Miss Wilson is studying some course or other at Bliss College in Columbus.

Mother's Day took the Ohio school teachers and employees to all parts of the state over the week-end, for the purpose of honoring their mothers. It was a lovely day and the urge to attend some of the numerous attractions or go fishing, driving, etc., was very strong, but it is good to note that the urge to see and honor Mother was the strongest urge of all.

Mr. Roy B. Conkling has been selected to address the graduates of the New Jersey school's vocational department and dedicate them to their life-work. The exercises will be held during the New Jersey Association convention on May 30th. Mr. Conkling is the editor of the *American Deaf Citizen*.

The deaf of Lima and Wapakoneta have formed a new society, the Lima Silent Aid Society. Officers elected are: President, Mr. H. Goetz, of Wapakoneta; Vice-President, Mary Myers, of Lima; Secretary, F. Koehn, of Wapakoneta;

Treasurer, E. W. Burk, of Wapakoneta. This new society will hold a picnic on June 14, at Faurot Park, Lima. Mrs. C. Settemire is chairman of the affair. This society supplants the old Northwestern Association of the Deaf.

Mrs. Cora B. Jones, wife of the late Supt. Jones, will celebrate her 75th birthday on May 17th. Her friends and admirers are planning on calling on her and extending their congratulations and best wishes.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Thompson and Ferdinand McCarthy was announced recently. A surprise shower was given for the happy couple at the home of Mr. Fred Moore on May 2d. The date for their wedding has not yet been announced, but it will be sometime during June.

Plans for the picnic sponsored by the Ohio Deaf Motorists Association and the Columbus Advance Society are going ahead rapidly and will be advertised soon. If you Ohioans are wondering what to do on July 4, you could not do better than attend this picnic. It will be more like an unofficial reunion of the Alumni. Besides, there will be plenty of fun and a fireworks display. All roads lead to the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf on July 4, so get the family car in running order now, and make sure you will be there.

The deaf of the nation will make a good impression if they wear a POPPY on Decoration Day. These Poppies are made by disabled veterans of the World War, and the money from the sales of the poppies is used for their care, and the care of their families. Those disabled veterans sacrificed their sturdy bodies to preserve our liberty, surely we can sacrifice a dime to preserve their happiness and ease their suffering?

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Notice to the Deaf of America

If your W. P. A. job is threatened, or if you are dismissed from such job because of deafness, please get in touch with the undersigned.

Dismissal of workers because of their handicap is a direct violation of President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 7046, signed on May 20, 1935, which plainly states that physically handicapped persons may be employed in jobs they can fill and further adds: "(e) Except as specifically provided in this part, workers who are qualified by training and experience to be assigned to work projects shall not be discriminated against on any grounds whatsoever."

Our attention is drawn to discrimination against two deaf workers in Rome, N. Y., who were dismissed because the work they had been doing came suddenly under the hazardous class. The matter is being sifted and we intend to have a show-down.

M. L. KENNER, President
19 West 21st St.,
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For information, write to Morton Rosenfeld, President, 4652 N. Camac Street, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

Sunday, May 10th, the Y. W. C. A. was in charge of the morning program in Chapel Hall. Edna Harbin '39, opened the program with the Lord's Prayer. Dora Benoit '36, gave a beautiful rendition of Christina Rossetti's equally beautiful poem, "To My First Love, My Mother." Mrs. Frank C. Nickles, a well-known lecturer in this city, who is very active in Y. W. C. A. affairs, gave a beautiful talk on Mother's Day.

Under the leadership of Ida Silverman '38, the annual co-eds' swimming meet was held in the Fowler Hall pool on the afternoon of Thursday, May 14th. Miss Silverman was the swimming manager, and Dr. Hall, Mrs. Craig, and Prof. Allison were the judges. In the free-style race, Lois Pewitt, P. C., captured first place, with Mary Worsham '36, and Hertha Zola, P. C., trailing. In the side-stroke for form, Mary Blackinton '36, took first place, followed by Mary Worsham '36, and Ida Silverman '38. The American crawl for form was won by Edith Koob '38, Lois Pewitt, P. C., and Mary Worsham '36. The back crawl race was won by Lois Pewitt, P. C., Edith Koob '38, and Mary Blackinton '36. Iva Weisbrod '36, captured the under-water swim with a distance of 130 feet. Hertha Zola, P. C., was second with a distance of 85 feet, and Myra Mazur '39, third, with 70 feet.

The breast stroke for form was awarded to Mary Blackinton '36, Iva Weisbrod '36, and Hertha Zola, P. C. Surface diving awards went to Virginia Daly and Hertha Zola, P. C., and Myra Mazur '39. Back crawl for form went to Mary Worsham '36, Lois Pewitt, P. C., and Ethel Koob '38. The Uppers beat the Lowers on the candle relay, while the Seniors captured the battle royal. The judges announced Lois Pewitt, P. C., as "tops" in the line of individual points, and awarded the class honors to the Seniors.

Friday night, May 15th, the Movie Club gave a presentation of the old thriller, "The Cat and the Canary." A two-reel Charlie Chaplin comedy and an educational short rounded out the evening.

Sunday morning, May 17th, the Senior class gave its valedictory program in Chapel Hall before the Sunday congregation. Dora Benoit was as graceful as ever in her rendition of John Ingalls' poem, "Opportunity." L. Gordon Hirschy gave a talk, expressing his views concerning the relative importance of the college faculty and the student body. Mary Worsham also gave a few choice bits on "The Value of Chapel Services." Thomas Delp closed the program with a prayer.

The annual trip to Mount Vernon, under the chaperonage of Miss Edith Nelson, will take place on Saturday, May 23d. The Preparatory students are looking forward to seeing the home of our first president.

Saturday afternoon, May 16th, the Blue trackmen squelched the University of Maryland Freshmen, 79½ to 46½ in a spirited meet on Hotchkiss Field. Cowboy Burnett again broke the record in the mile and the 880. In the mile, his time of 4:36 replaced the Gallaudet track team record of 4:36.1 made May 2, 1936, at the Mason-Dixon Conference, and also replaced the Hotchkiss Field record of 4:37.4 made May 18, 1935, in a dual meet with the Apprentice School. In the 880, his time of 2:00.8 replaced both the Gallaudet team and the Hotchkiss Field records of 2:02 made May 9, 1936 in a dual meet with American University.

Aldren Ravn likewise broke his former record in the discus of 116 feet 4 inches made May 2, 1936, at the Mason-Dixon track conference, which mark replaced the old Gallaudet track team record. His present heave measured 118 feet 7.9 inches. Both Burnett and Ravn will be outstanding in

the Interclass Meet, to take place at Hotchkiss Field next Friday, May 22d, and in the Olympic tryouts, taking place in Baltimore on May 30th. The summary:

Two-mile run—Henji (G), 11:59, Cobb (G), Wheeler (G).
220-yard low hurdles—Leicht (G), 26.6 seconds, Beers (M), Heehn (G).
Discus throw—Ravn (G), 118 ft. 7.9 in., Delp (G), Tollefson (G).
Broad Jump—Beers (M), 20 ft. 2 in., Fulks (M), Howard (M).
Pole Vault—Akin (G), 9 ft. 9 in., Myer (M), Atwood (G), and Howard (M), tie.
Javelin—Moles (M), 164 ft. 2 in., Rogers (G), Stanfill (G).
Shot put—Tollefson (G), 38 ft. 2.4 in., Budkoff (M), Rogers (G).
High Jump—Miller (M), 5 ft. 8 in., N. Brown (G), Howard (M).
Mile run—Burnett (G), 4:36, Cobb (G), Irvin (M).
440 yard dash—Brodle (M), 56 seconds, R. Brown (G), Edmonds (M).
100 yard dash—Lowman (G), 11 seconds flat, Fulks (M), Rogers (G).
120 yard high hurdles—Leicht (G), 17 flat, Phillips (G), Heehn (G).
880 yard run—Burnett (G), 2:00.8, Peaslee (M), Wood (M).
220 yard dash—Leicht (G), 24 seconds flat, Fulks (M), Lowman (G).

Convention Dates Ahead

(Compiled by F. E. P.)

Alumni Association of the New Jersey School for the Deaf at West Trenton, May 30th.

West Virginia Association of the Deaf at Romney, June 4th-7th.

Indiana Association of the Deaf at Indianapolis, June 5-7.

Gallaudet College Alumni Association—Connecticut Association of the Deaf at West Hartford, June 12th-14th.

tion at Washington, D. C., June 16-20.

South Carolina Association of the Deaf at Cedar Springs, June 18-21.

Alabama Association of the Deaf at Mobile, July 2-4.

Florida Association of the Deaf at Tampa, July 2-4.

LeCouteux St. Mary's Alumni Association at Buffalo, N. Y., June 28th to July 4th.

Red River Valley Association of the Deaf at Oak Grove Park, Fargo, N. D., July 12.

Tenth Annual Convention of the Deaf of the Ozarks at Monett, Mo., August 16.

South Dakota Association of the Deaf at Sioux Falls, August 27th to 30th.

North Carolina Association of the Deaf at Carolina Beach, near Wilmington, August 19-22.

California Association of the Deaf at Visalia, September 4-7.

Dixie Association of the Deaf at Richmond, Va., September 2d to 7th.

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SEATTLE

Mrs. Hussey Cookson was completely surprised when Mrs. Editha Ziegler, living in the same apartment, ushered her into her rooms where about a dozen of her friends were seated. Lovely be-ribboned packages on the table were opened and displayed and they all delighted the recipient. It was her birthday. After an enjoyable game of bridge prizes were awarded to the guest of honor, Mrs. Cookson, and Mrs. A. H. Koberstein. The hostess served a fine luncheon. This party was on May 2nd.

Mrs. W. E. Brown secretly made up a birthday party for Frank Morrissey, at the request of his two married daughters, April 30. Mr. Morrissey, one of Seattle deaf pioneers, was reading at his comfortable home when one by one his friends dropped in. By one of the guest's remarks Mr. Morrissey became suspicious so all greeted him with best wishes. "500" was played. None kept the scores, not knowing there were prizes, but the two hostesses asked them to draw from a pack of cards. A. W. Wright's was ace high, next Mrs. A. H. Koberstein. The smallest were Mrs. Brown and True Partridge. After the dainty refreshments, served by the daughters, Mr. Morrissey was presented with several nice gifts.

Since George Oelschlager came back to partnership with his brother, Harry, at the latter's chicken business, near Alderwood Manor, he traded his truck for a new 1936 Ford. In his new car he took Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves recently, and enjoyed an hour visit with them. The Reeves had just completed setting out another half acre in strawberry plants. The party then motored five miles further to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerson for another hour's conversation. It was a beautiful drive with the cherry trees in full bloom nearly every where in the vicinity of Kent.

Harry and George Oelschlager have a new electric refrigerator at their house and are always improving the place.

Mrs. Olof Hanson, Mrs. N. C. Garrison and Mrs. E. Bertram went by stage to Vancouver to attend the Gallaudet banquet, May 9th. Mr. Garrison left the day before for the occasion.

After the business meeting at the P. S. A. D. May 9th, there occurred a five-minute story telling contest which amused the gathering. Mrs. O. Hanson who arranged it, had Mrs. Pauline Gustin take her place as judge for she was in Vancouver. Two more judges aided Mrs. Gustin, and the stories by A. W. Wright and A. H. Koberstein were considered the best. They received a sugar and creamer and a silver vase donated from her treasures. Mrs. Hanson is selling her household goods and sending her davenport and rug to her daughter, Mrs. Martin, in Oakland. She will leave Seattle June 1st, and make stops in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Chicago before her destination in Pittsburgh. Several small luncheons and parties have been tendered in her honor the past couple weeks.

A party of fifteen hearing friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown invaded their home shortly after their silver wedding anniversary and presented them a purse of cash. The Browns were much surprised. Refreshments brought in by the crowd were served.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Koberstein are nicely settled at another apartment. Their rooms are large and sunny and they have a Frigidaire.

Mrs. Violet Grant wrote to Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison from far Northern Canada, expressing surprise at the news of their deaf friends, the Garrisons sent them. They enclosed snapshots of their two-year-old twins—a boy and a girl—who do not resemble each other. Mr. Grant has

steady employment, looking after horses.

Mrs. Arthur Martin is the new president of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid. She is a young lady and the members are expecting new changes and improvements in the future.

Mrs. C. K. McConnell's mother passed away May 1st. She was 82 years old, having resided in Seattle half of her life. Her friends extend their sympathy.

Miss Henrietta Meekhoff has gone back to Portland to a response for work.

PUGET SOUND.

May 10th.

Portland, Oregon

Miss Allabough attended the Easter service at the Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Miss Allabough, is a teacher at the Salem school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hastings are going around with a broad smile these days, as they are the grandparents of a baby boy, born lately to their son, Paul, and his wife. It is their second child, the first being a girl.

Miss Marion Finch, of the Salem school, was a visitor in Portland recently. Mrs. Clara Lauby looked after her place during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Peterson, of Portland, and two brothers of the former named Elmer and LeLster, of Salem, had a reunion at the home of the brothers' mother in Salem on April 12th. The Peterson boys are all well employed, and each own their own cars. Mrs. Alton Peterson has long been employed at the Meier-Franks store.

Miss Margaret Morgan, of Portland, is keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. Beers in Burlington, Cal.

Mrs. T. A. Lindstrom was called on to act as substitute teacher, in the absence of Miss Uhl, who took a short leave for her health in California. She is now back much improved.

Alice Beach was in California for almost two months, visiting relatives and friends. Her home is in Salem.

Mr. J. Wiens, formerly of Oregon, but now living in Taft, Cal., underwent an operation for appendicitis, but is now well and back at his trade as painter.

Miss Zelma Barell, of Portland, was a visitor at the Salem school. She was accompanied by Miss Alice Beach, of Salem.

Rumors have it that Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaufman from Iowa were living in Portland, but have not yet been seen, although it was learned they were in a small town near the The Dalles.

Mrs. Anna Elkin had the misfortune of scalding herself recently at the home of her daughter, while trying to do some cleaning. She was sick from shock and pain, but is better now. She is 71 years old and well known in Oregon.

Mr. Ray Hummel, a well-known sportsman of Salem, with two hearing men went on a fishing trip, at the Alsea River, Easter Sunday, and had good luck in catching trout from 15 to 20 inches. Ray caught a 28-inch Steelhead salmon and it went on display at a Salem sporting goods store. Ray is not only a good fisherman, but also an expert deer hunter.

Mr. K. Niisato, of Los Angeles, Cal., was a visitor in Salem. In company with Mr. H. Hashimoto, of Salem, he visited the deaf school.

Mr. O. Fay, who was injured by a hit and run driver of a car recently, is now walking around, but his foot is still little sore.

Mr. E. Yeager, formerly of Portland, is now the proud father of a baby boy. They live in San Jose, Cal.

Rev. E. Eichmann, pastor of Portland Lutheran Church for the Deaf, was called to Medford to perform a marriage, the couple being Mr. Orville Burk and Miss Evelyn Knighten. The latter attended the Salem school. Mr. Burk was a pupil of the Iowa school,

and for a short time at the Minnesota school. He is also known as Orville Holland.

Portland Division, No. 41, N. F. S. D., voted to have the Midway Picnic, at Centralia, Wash., in July, dates to be announced later. Mr. Charles Lynch was appointed chairman. He asked the aid of all his brother Frats. It may be a record crowd this time, as times are a little better. Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Portland and Salem will boost the event, to make it one of record.

A good time was had at the Frat smoker held at the home of Mr. M. Norton, president of the Portland Division, No. 41.

The S. F. L. Club will give a party Friday night, May 29th, at the Redmen's Hall, corner of Ninth Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard. All are welcome.

H. P. N.

May 13th.

CHICAGOLAND

Death took the oldest subscriber of this DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, May 3d, when Sidney Herbert Howad died in San Martin, California, aged 85. He had taken the paper for over sixty years.

Off and on, over a period of several decades, the kindly Howad had served as Chicago correspondent—when more flashy, newsy, writers tired and quit. He was easily the crack chess-master of Chicago Deafdom; and a member of all our best clubs in auld lang syne. Some fifteen years ago, feeling the encroaching years, he left to spend his last days in sunny California, with relatives.

Howard's popularity is attested by the fact he received 66 cards of greeting on his 86th birthday, last July 24. "In excellent spirit and continued cheer," he wrote, at the time. "My knees give trouble, though I can walk pretty well in daylight. In the dark, I keep falling backwards." We deaf find loss of the sense of balance a great handicap when we are no longer young and nimble.

A subscriber for over 60 years! No wonder his mind was so nimble and alive—keeping constantly abreast of the doings of his fellow-men through three generations-plus.

Mrs. Fred Young is back from six weeks in Toronto and two weeks in Detroit. Mrs. Frank Hayes of Buffalo, who as Lillian Miloch was married here last fall, returned for the funeral of her sister who was matron-of-honor at the wedding. George White and George Ross are still in Alexian Bros. Hospital. Mrs. Jennie Brashar, 92, is still abed with paralysis at home of her son, George.

Mrs. Forrest Reid (Verba Linson) was given a "kitchen shower" at the Meagher flat May 9—managed by Mesdames Horn and Anderson. She received about everything except a rolling-pin and a kitchen range.

Mesdames Lorenz and Scott gave Mrs. Ingval Dahl a birthday party on the 4th.

By acclamation, Anna Hirman was elected to the membership in Appendicitis Club and on admission was found to be doing nicely just now.

Eugenia Kwasniewski's brother died from pneumonia recently.

An attractive lecture is on the order of Wednesday evening of May 20th at Flickville Hall, Leland and Racine. Another one, this time to be delivered by David Mitchell, is dated for Wednesday, May 27th, at the same place with a movie on Indians.

Meagherville Alley is noticeably crowded with new tenants: Harrison Leiters on Campbell Street; Harry Kessals on Rockwell Street; Frederick Hinrichs at Western and Montrose, along with his parental pair. It's getting to be a deaf bee hive in that locality.

Among the probable week-end visitors to Milwaukee, Wis., May 29-30 are: Harold Libbey, Mrs. Rilla Blair, Peter Livshis and wife, Rogers Crocker and his better half, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Filliger, Joe Abarbanell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shawl, and Virginia Dries.

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Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden and Mr. Mildin of Lansing were at the D. A. D. Mrs. Cowden is going to spend the summer vacation at a cottage near Lansing.

Mrs. Roy Wright, widow of Mr. Wright, recently moved to London, Ontario.

The Cadillac Association of the Deaf recently moved to another hall on Woodward Avenue near Sibley Street, which is a better location.

Detroit Division, No. 2, N. F. S. D., is planning to have a picnic at Terrace Gardens on July 25th.

The Detroit Bowlers League will have an outing at Terrace Gardens on August 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Rheiner have moved to their new home, which they bought several weeks ago.

Mr. C. Riedinger is confined at his home with two broken ribs when his own car ran over him when he cranked it and forgot to put the gear shift in order. He suffered bad bruises also.

On May 22d, the Ladies League will hold their twentieth anniversary banquet at St. John's Parish House.

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IN THE *United Empire*, the journal of the Royal Empire Society of London, England, there is published a resume of the beneficial outcome of the international games recently held in London by deaf athletes representatives of various nations. The effect on the British public was to direct its attention to the abilities of the deaf as sportsmen.

The journal of the Society gives interesting information in explaining the work carried on among the deaf throughout the British Empire. It reveals the great progress made since the time when the deaf were universally regarded as dullards. Exceptionally good work is being done in many directions, although regret is expressed that in many quarters they are sadly neglected for want of funds rather than from lack of sympathy. In the British Isles there are over eighty churches, missions and institutes for the deaf, with some ninety chaplains, missionaries and superintendents. Education is being carried on among deaf children and those who are hard of hearing, with schools in Britain, Canada, Australia and Africa.

In the Dominion of Canada the system of support of schools for the deaf is modelled much upon that prevailing in the United States, the provinces supporting their own schools and doing away with the taint of charity. The State there thus manifests a deep, enlightened, practical interest in the educational welfare of the young deaf children. In this respect Canada apparently leads the rest of the Empire in its advanced, rational system of allowing the schools for the deaf the same generous treatment it provides for its hearing population. In Canada's nine schools for the deaf there are 1,415 pupils under 204 teachers. Since their organization these schools have given instruction to 9,877 pupils. In Canada the various religious denominations have built some fine churches and institutes for the adult deaf. In Montreal the

Roman Catholic Church is doing much good work. There is also the Mackay Institute, run on broad lines, and every facility is granted to various denominations to care for their members. Interpreters are provided to aid the clergy in their ministrations to the deaf.

Australia has several schools performing excellent work, the government giving valuable assistance to the schools and also to the work among the adult deaf. There is a church and social institute for the deaf at Adelaide, South Australia, while in Queensland there is a school where the local clergy render voluntary help. There is a national organization called "The Australian Association for the Deaf," which seeks to unite the deaf in the Commonwealth into one great family and to safeguard their interests. In concluding its review of activities among the deaf, the *United Empire* further states that, "while much remains to be done, there is cause for gratitude. The lot of the deaf is hard, and the practical sympathy of the public helps them to face their handicap with greater cheerfulness, confidence and courage.

It is hoped that when the results of an extensive and important inquiry are ultimately placed before the Church of England Assembly that it will mean the beginning of a new day for the deaf and dumb in those parts of the Empire where they have been neglected in the past."

On the occasion of the athletic games in London, Lord Desborough, who took the salute as the competitors marched past, delivered a short address "which was translated by experts in the deaf and dumb language." This is rather puzzling since the various parts of the British Empire have employed speech instruction for generations and presumably the deaf should need no interpretation when they can speak and read the lips so proficiently as has usually been claimed. Nor is it quite understandable the universal reference of their teachers and missionaries in referring to pupils at school, the adults and the names of their schools as deaf and dumb, which must cast more or less social reflection upon the deaf. In a nation where the main vehicle of instruction is speech the pupils should not be dubbed *dumb*, nor should an interpreter be required in order to translate spoken language to them in the "deaf and dumb language."

THREE quarters of a century have rolled away since the Kansas School for the Deaf was established; its 75th anniversary of useful service for the deaf of that State has recently been observed with appropriate celebrations. Its early history, particularly that part of it relating to its foundation, is full of remnescent interest, it being one of the several schools for the deaf founded by deaf men, who emphasized the fact that it was to be a seat of education—not an asylum.

Its establishment is a striking evidence of the devotion of this pioneer, an illustration of patient, striving effort to accomplish a useful purpose against great odds.

The pioneer work which led to the recognition of the need of a school for deaf children in Kansas, which at first was known as the Kansas Deaf-Mute Institute, was initiated at Baldwin City, in Douglas County, by

Mr. Philip A. Emery, A.M., a gentleman who had become deaf but retained the ability to speak. He had previously taught at the Indiana School, and after leaving Kansas became the head of several day schools in Chicago, Illinois. In 1860 he went to Kansas, at that time a territory, while a period of draught and famine prevailed in that region, causing great privation.

In the summer of 1861, with the assistance of Mr. Jonathan R. Kennedy, who had three deaf children in his family, Mr. Emery opened a private school, in the midst of the "Border War" prevailing at that time. At first there was one lone pupil whose family paid \$2.50 a week for the child's board and tuition. The school was soon moved to Baldwin City where a frame house was rented for \$5.00 a month. This attempt by a poverty-stricken deaf man to provide a school for deaf children attracted so much interest in his effort that the school received assistance from the State Legislature in State script between the years 1862-65.

The School was removed to Topeka and reopened in the fall of 1864, and was finally established at Olathe, with a dozen pupils. Its original building there was occupied for the first time on November 17th, 1866, with Thomas Burnside of Philadelphia as Principal, and A. L. E. Crouter as teacher, when it may be said to have entered upon its real existence. By its last official report the school had 250 pupils and 34 instructors, and in its seventy-five years of existence has afforded instruction to 1,608 pupils; its buildings and grounds are valued at \$355,000.

To Prof. H. J. Menzemer, M.A., the Superintendent of the School, we extend felicitations, with best wishes for the continued success of this center of education for the deaf of Kansas.

THE VETERAN subscriber to the JOURNAL is undoubtedly our old friend Sidney H. Howard. In addition to being a correspondent for years, he was known to a host of friends of the old generation, and the present editor recalls him when he was a leading light among the deaf of the country.

We thank our Chicago correspondent for sending us this clipping from our March, 1933, issue:

A former conductor of this Chicago column, Sidney H. Howard, writes from San Martin, Cal., that he has taken this DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL "for over sixty years," and still finds the news of his old friends refreshingly interesting. Chess is still his sole vice—what? You flaming youths mean to tell me you never heard of a game called chess? Chess, my son, is a he-man's game. "Thinking is hard work"—and I know how you'd hate it.

NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Sarah Silvermond died last week. The funeral services were held at the J. M. Morris Funeral Chapel, Thatford and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, May 13th.

Mrs. Mary Metzner enjoyed a holiday in Washington, D. C., over Sunday, May 18th, and returned to New York Monday.

St. John's Chapel, Detroit, Mich.

Morning service at St. John's Chapel, on Vernon Highway and Woodward, by Rev. Horace B. Waters, at 11 o'clock.

Communion service every first Sunday in the morning.

Bible Class at St. John's Parish House, 33 East Montcalm Street, Room 2, at 3:45 P.M. All welcome.

Baltimore Frats Give Entertainment

After several weeks of extensive rehearsals an exceptionally splendid dramatic entertainment sponsored by the brilliant talent of Baltimore Division, No. 47, N. F. S. D., which took place at Gehb Hall, Baltimore, Md., Saturday night, May 16th, was a tremendous success beyond expectations. The hall was packed to full capacity, many being present from Frederick, Md., Washington, D. C., and neighboring cities.

The feature of the program was the dramatization of an old French story-play entitled "The Plotters," in which the players staged creditably their respective difficult roles, and held the audience spellbound and breathlessly for nearly an hour. A roaring applause greeted the embryo promising actors. The cast of characters:

The King	A. Hajna
Chancellor	J. Wallace
Sir Edward	A. Herdtfelder
Guard	J. Fiedler
Noblemen	
A. Omansky, R. McCall, M. Weinstein,	
B. Brushwood, J. Foxwell, R. Kauffman,	
W. Dilworth and J. Weinstein	

Clever feats of magic were performed by an assistant of Prof. John T. McCaslin, celebrated Baltimore magician. Attired in a typical costume of itinerant trap he mystified the optience with unbelievable contrivances.

Messrs. S. Taranski and J. Barthlow featured a short comical and nonsensical one-act "The Dumb-Bell," which provoked a continuous round of laughter.

Mrs. Bertha Summers and Miss Nadine Fox, both of Frederick, Md., showed behind the dimmed footlights in their opposing costumes a death dance to the tune of life and death. They scored an encore as the curtain came down on them.

Mr. August Wriede, diminutive and rotund, was the chairman of the committee of arrangements, assisted by a corps of efficient co-workers.

The proceeds of this notable affair swell the coffers of the division's treasury for benevolent and kindred purposes.

W. W. D.

A Beneficent Lake.—According to Professor Forel of Lansanne, the Lake of Geneva, lying in the deep valley between the Alps and the Jura Mountains, performs a remarkable work for the benefit of man. During the summer its waters store up a great quantity of heat, which is slowly radiated into the air in the course of the following autumn. Thus the freezing currents descending from the snow-topped mountains around are warmed and tempered, and the atmosphere along the shores of the lake is maintained at a moderate temperature. The excellence of the grapes which produce the celebrated white wines of this region is thought to be largely due to the influence of the lake upon the condition of the atmosphere. But the remote descendants of the present inhabitants will experience quite a different state of affairs, for Professor Forel says that in 64,000 years the river Rhone will have turned the lake into a broad plain, by means of the soil it is constantly carrying down from the mountains.

Distinguishing Shades.—By a scientific experiment a professor of Columbia College has determined that the average person's eyes are able to distinguish about twenty-five different shades between black and white. He employed no less than two hundred shades in his experiment, but the great majority of these were too near alike to be distinguished by the eye. These were not shades of different colors, but simply gray surfaces passing gradually from white to black.

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SUNSHINE CHARITY CIRCLE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND PAGEANT

PROLOGUE

On January 5th, 1914, Misses Peek, Chenoweth, and Young, and Mesdames Waddel, Cool and Wornstaff organized a ladies' aid society, and named it the "Mary and Martha Circle." It functioned in a small way, until in 1916 it became known as "The Sunshine Charity Circle," to be maintained and managed by women only. This policy has been continued to this day. Its main objectives have been to aid the poor, the sick, and the aged deaf of Los Angeles. To that end the members dedicated themselves, and little by little, and bit by bit a fund for that purpose was built. Hundreds have received aid through the Circle, where without it, great suffering and misery would have been inevitable. Today the Circle has a fund exceeding \$400, and a total membership of over 45 women. The officers are: May E. Cool, President; Sylvia Ballis, first Vice-president; Agnes Bente, second Vice-president; Lynne Lewis, Secretary; Ethel M. Himmelschein, Treasurer, and Jessie Walton, Trustees' Chairman.

A TRIBUTE

Officers and members of the Sunshine Charity Circle, we salute you! We doff our hat, and pay homage to you on this, your twentieth anniversary. There was no chance to speak from the floor, to tell you what was in our heart, or to voice that which was in the hearts of your audience, and the deaf at large, but 'tis not too late. This column is open to you, and it is our hope that everyone of you will read it, and know the homage which, in our humble opinion, is your due. Everyone of you have worked very hard; you have given not only your time, but your money as well, without stint or reserve to make this, your twentieth anniversary the huge success it proved to be. Why? So that you would continue to have the wherewithal to carry on and distribute the rays of sunshine among the poor, the sick, and the aged as heretofore. The house was full attesting to the fact that you received the full cooperation that it was in our power to give. It is yours always. If you did not know it before, you know it now. No gain or glory, no splendor or renown for you; remember "The paths of glory lead but to the grave," but the greatest reward of all is yours, in the knowledge that you are doing good, and bringing happiness to your fellowman.

Stupendous! Wonderful! Glorious! That to put it mildly, describes the Sunshine Charity Circle's Banquet and Pageant, held on May 9th at the Cosmopolitan Club of the Deaf Hall. A crowd of 270 by actual count attended the banquet; many had to be turned away for lack of room, the hall being filled to capacity, leaving just enough space for the fifteen waitresses to "strut their stuff." The banquet was scheduled to start at 6 P.M., but the crowd was on hand at least two hours before, and were not admitted until 5:30. Ye scribe arrived precisely at six, and slapped himself on the back for being on time, only to find most everyone ahead of him and already at it, "knife and fork, teeth and tongue." Seems as though being a columnist has its advantages for we were ushered to a most conspicuous place by none other than Mrs. Lynne Lewis, Chairman and Toastmistress of the event. The menu follows:

Celery	Olives
Roast Beef	
Mashed Potatoes	Buttered Carrots
Thousand Island Dressing on Lettuce	
Parker House Rolls	
(Not leftovers of 1916)	
Ice-cream	Cake
	Coffee

Immediately after the banquet and during the time the dishes were being cleared away, attention was focused on Toastmistress Lewis, who after a few fitting remarks, introduced Mrs. Jessie Walton for the opening ceremonies. She was draped in a flag costume, and gave a splendid rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." She was followed by Miss Peek, who was accorded a rousing welcome by the throng. Quietly and modestly acknowledging the plaudits with a nod, she spoke briefly on the organization of the Circle, and called upon her co-organizers to respond. Speeches followed by past presidents Mesdames Burson, A. Lewis, Sparling, Singleton, Hytten, and Cordero, after which came an address by the present president, May Ethel Cool.

Mrs. L. Lewis, especially gifted with a remarkable sense of grace and rhythm, then beautifully signed the song, "Mother," which reminded us all of childhood years, memories of days gone by, and that the morrow would bring with it "Mother's Day."

"Mother's love is always mine.
So faithful to her child is she
That hour by hour
Her heart returns to tender thoughts of me.
If life should lead my feet astray,
Afar and friendless should I rove;
One heav'nly gift were still my own,
My Mother's changeless love."

The pageant was a comparison of the gay (?) nineties and these modern times. Dressed in the characters of those hoop and skirt days, we glimpsed Mrs. Ruth Verburg in plumed hat, narrow waist-jacket, beautiful dress reaching to the floor, looking for all the world like a princess out of the book of D. Artagnan; Mr. Mark Hanna, with derby, close fitting coat and pants, and drooping mustache, was the exact image of the villain in Mack Sennett's day; Mrs. Noah with red something or other (probably a hat) on her head, long white dress, old time umbrella, the aunty little Alfred liked to tease; Earl Lewis as Peck's bad boy, and many others.

The characters were ushered into seats as though they were the audience at a show. Came then a wedding, with Mrs. Cool as the bride, Mr. Cool the groom, pretty little Janet Larson as the flower girl, Gladys Jones as Matron-of-honor, Ethel Watts, Mona Beck, Henrietta Priester, and Rita Bente, as bridesmaids, and Frank Walton as the parson. Mrs. Cool wore the same beautiful dress and veil she was married in 31 years ago, and Mr. Cool the same "soup and fish," tails and all. The make-believe wedding was an exact replica of the real thing with the witnesses, the ring, the "fatal" words, and the parson's kissing of the bride, then the wedding march with the characters following along in the wake of the bride and groom.

Next on the program was "The Bridle Path," with Mrs. Bente in riding habit of long ago, (must be seen to be appreciated) and a hobby-horse which she straddled and "rode," seeing up and down. Along came Mrs. E. Watts in the riding costume of today. Gee! Rest of program followed with a scene at "Malibu Beach," with Mrs. Stephenson, West Wilson and Gladys Jones. The first two named were arrayed in bathing suits of the old era, but Gladys came in one of those little things you can fold up and carry in your purse, the one piece. We actually glimpsed Messrs. McMann, and Meinken polishing their "glimmers" the better to see—er—modern bathing suit of today. Next an elopement, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen playing the parts.

Then "Slumberland" showed Mrs. Lewis giving an impression of the cap and night-gown era, only to lose the limelight to blonde Henrietta Priester in the modern night doodads of today. Acting was great. Last but not least, came the Waltz of 1916, featuring Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen, and of 1936, with Zelda Bryan and Newton Nash. Both couples danced at the same time for comparison, after which the 1916 couple left the floor to the couple of the waltz *moderne*. Their exhibition beggars description, and earned the great applause they received.

Following the above, the tables were cleared away, and the floor made ready for dancing for the audience. Admission to the banquet, pageant, and dance was 50 cents, to the dance alone, 30 cents. By half past nine there were upwards of 400 people, far too many for the hall to accommodate. No wonder we all felt like so many sardines trying to wriggle in their tin, but no complaints were heard, and one and all expressed themselves as having had a magnificent time. In addition to the admission charge, a collection was taken up from those attending the banquet, and presented to the Circle as a sort of birthday gift.

While practically every member of the Circle is deserving of high praise, special credit goes to the Committee on Arrangements, whose patience, forethought, and painstaking efforts to detail made the spectacle, an achievement to be proud of. Following is the committee: Mrs. Lyne Lewis, Chairman, Mesdames Cool, Himmelschein, Walton, Bente, Beck, Wilder, Hytten, Slight, Depew, Cordero, and Schaffler.

John Francis O'Brien

By Jere V. Fives

John Francis O'Brien, who gave fifty-five of his seventy-five years to the cause of the Catholic deaf of Greater New York, died shortly before noon Wednesday, May 6, in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn. A mass of requiem was said at St. Francis Xavier Church, Manhattan, Saturday, with the Rev. M. A. Purtell, S.J., as celebrant. Prayers were recited at the grave by Father Purtell.

In his eulogy of Mr. O'Brien, Father Purtell said the outstanding virtue of his life was his strong Catholic faith. This was evidenced by his life and writings. The priest gave an account of Mr. O'Brien's great zeal for the faith of his fellow-Catholic deaf after the death of Father Michael R. McCarthy, S.J., who was director of Ephpheta Society for thirteen years. During those four years when the New York Catholic deaf were without a spiritual director, Mr. O'Brien saw to it that they were not neglected spiritually in any way and that the interrupted work of Father McCarthy was carried on through Ephpheta Society until a new director was appointed.

A widow, the former Mrs. Katherine Russell, and a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Agnes Aal, survive. Mr. O'Brien's first wife, Calcine Belle Felver O'Brien, died about fourteen years ago.

The honorary pallbearers were the Hon. John L. MacDonnell, an Assistant District Attorney of New York County; Dr. Thomas F. Fox, Alex L. Pach, Sylvester I. Fogarty, James J. Lonergan, Joseph Knopp, Julius T. Kieckers, Thomas J. Cosgrove and Jere V. Fives. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. O'Brien was chairman of the Board of Directors of Ephpheta Society for the Catholic Deaf at the time of his death and previously had served in various offices of the Board of Government of the society. He was also a member of the Brooklyn Division, N. F. S. D.

Mr. O'Brien was a printer by trade and was employed for many years on *The Clipper*, a famous theatrical

publication of a generation ago. He remained with it until it suspended, then he went to the *Home News*. Four years ago he received a pension from Typographical Union No. 6 after fifty years' membership.

Mr. O'Brien was born on June 13, 1861, in the old Fourteenth Ward. He served as altar boy in the old St. Patrick's Church on Mott Street. When he became deaf he was sent to the Fanwood School, from which he graduated.

Immediately after graduation in 1881, he was among the first group of adult Catholic men to gather at St. Francis Xavier College to receive Father Costin, S.J., as the first spiritual adviser of the deaf of the city. From that day on, until his death Mr. O'Brien never lost interest in the welfare of the Catholic deaf of the city, and was always at the forefront in all activities, giving his time, money and intelligence most freely in their cause.

It was during the directorate of Father Michael R. McCarthy, S.J., that he was able to exercise his wide versatility in all fields of Catholic action through Xavier Ephpheta Society. He helped organize Sunday Schools for children attending the two State schools in the city, and was a teacher at one for many years. He encouraged Seminarians of Dunwoodie to become teachers there also, and these numbered several who today are pastors of large churches in the city. He was associated with Father McCarthy in the publication of "Ephpheta." He was a most consistent attendant of all Ephpheta Society's religious and social functions. He also assisted the director in his work in Brooklyn and New Jersey centres.

In the four years following the death of Father McCarthy, when New York was without a spiritual director, Mr. O'Brien received permission from Father White, S. J., then pastor of St. Francis Xavier's, to have Seminarians conduct services for Ephpheta Society on the first Sunday. In this way, he managed to keep the Catholics banded together while awaiting the appointment of a new spiritual director.

In 1931 the deaf of New York united to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his labors among the Catholics with two banquets. At these were read messages of felicitations from Cardinal Hayes, President Hoover, Governor Roosevelt, Mayor Walker and others.

Cold Fatal for Sydney Howard

SAN MARTIN—Sydney Herbert Howard, 86 resident of San Martin for 14 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary M. Clarke, with whom he made his home.

Enfeebled by old age, Howard suffered a severe cold several days ago which brought on his death.

A deaf-mute, he formerly taught those who suffered the same afflictions. He was born in East Aurora, N. Y., and resided in the east until 1922 when he came here from Chicago.

In addition to his sister, he is survived by a brother, Joseph Howard of Gainesville, Fla.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, May 5th, at 2 o'clock in the Gilroy funeral home, with Reverend R. O. Finlayson and Reverend Daniel Scott of San Martin presiding. Interment was in the Masons and I. O. O. F. cemetery at Gilroy.—*San Martin News*.

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HAMILTON

On Saturday evening, May 2d, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor held a card party at the Pythian Hall, when a sum of six dollars was collected for the convention fund. The prize winners at euchre were, ladies—Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Breen. Men—Mr. Rayner, Mr. J. Matthews and Mr. McShane. Lucky number winners, Mrs. Salmon and Mr. Bill Mason.

Mrs. Norman Gleadow spent the week-end of May 2d, in Toronto, and had a very nice time there.

Mrs. Taylor's father, Mr. Fretz, who was transferred to the mountain hospital some time ago, is reported to be improving a little. Mrs. Fretz, who is now nearly eighty years of age, has also been failing lately and is now practically helpless and cannot be left alone, so that Mrs. Taylor has her hands full looking after her.

There was a large attendance at Centenary Church on April 19th, when Mr. Robert McBrien, of Peterboro, took charge of the service. Mr. McBrien gave a very interesting and impressive sermon on "Character." Three ladies and three men signed a lovely hymn. This was the first time that Mr. McBrien has taken a service here and we hope it will not be the last.

Mrs. Abrahams, of Toronto, recently spent a week here with her parents. Her baby son, who is named Martin, was much admired.

Mr. Edgar Breen, of Saint John, recently paid a surprised call on his uncle, Mr. Howard Breen, and was glad to meet him and his aunt and cousins, whom he had not seen for sixteen years. He had been traveling in Germany for some years and has now secured an excellent position in Hamilton.

Mrs. Braven left here on May 2d for Montreal, where she will live with her daughter. She was made the recipient of several useful gifts from her friends of the Sewing Club.

Mr. Howard Lloyd, of Brantford, took charge of the service here on Sunday, May 10th, and gave an appropriate "Mother's Day" sermon, reading from Proverb's 31. Mrs. Lloyd gracefully signed the hymn, "Meet me there in Heaven." There was a very good attendance, including six visitors from Toronto—Mr. and Mrs. Peikoff, Mr. and Mrs. Rosnick and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terrell. After the service Mr. and Mrs. Gleadow took the Toronto visitors to inspect the Royal Connaught Hotel, which will be headquarters for the O. A. D. convention next month. They were very much impressed with the splendid accommodation which the hotel affords. Mr. Peikoff, who is in charge of the arrangements for a "Frat" entertainment, which will be put on during the convention, was very much pleased with the fine stage and convenient dressing rooms.

Mr. Norman Gleadow, president of the O. A. D., recently sent the Rev. Mr. McGowan a letter of welcome and congratulation, on behalf of the association on his appointment as minister of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf, Toronto, and extended a cordial invitation to him and Mrs. McGowan to attend the convention, and has just received a very appreciative reply. Mr. McGowan says that he and Mrs. McGowan will be delighted to attend the reception on the Saturday evening, but regrets that he will be unable to stay for Sunday, as he will be preaching his farewell sermons at Bronte and Palermo on that day.

TORONTO

Mrs. Chester Pickard died on May 4th, following a two weeks' illness. She had been brought to St. Joseph's Hospital and stayed there two days.

The funeral took place on May 6th. She is survived by her husband and a daughter. Mrs. Pickard was formerly Margaret Hutchinson.

The Women's Association of our church entertained about a hundred women from other churches under the United Church on the evening of May 7th. The programme included a dialogue and a presentation of "the other wise man." Delicious refreshments were served at the close. Rev. Mr. McGowan, our future minister, and his wife were among those present. He said he was much impressed with the entertainment.

The president of all the associations of the United Church gave a short speech before moving a vote of thanks. We do not know if we really deserve the compliment she paid us—she said that the accomplishment of the deaf people ought to put her girls to shame!

The Bridge Club of East Toronto is having a picnic at High Park on May 25th. The admission price is 25 cents.

The Kicuwa Club closed with a party on April 28th, in the Assembly Hall, and a number of prizes were awarded. Those present reported a wonderful time.

Amy Wilson, little daughter of Mrs. C. Wilson, has been quarantined for several weeks with scarlet fever. Mr. C. Wilson was seen everywhere, but was ordered to keep away from crowds. It will not be long now till he has his freedom again.

Now that summer is here—though a heat wave does not really make a summer—we have begun to put on our sun clothes. Carrie Buchan and Jack Angus have got a nice coat of tan.

The Ramsden Park Tennis Club meets every Friday evening from May to October. The Dufferin Park, or "Jollity Club," meets every Monday. There are many more people interested in tennis this year. Some have already bought racquet and balls.

The Young People's Society was not able to get a date for their picnic at Port Dalhousie, owing to its immense popularity. The club may go to Oshawa.

Mrs. Huband, of Ottawa, is still hob-nobbing with Mrs. Drew, but may disappear any time. We have had her in Toronto for a long time, this time to make up for the long time she stayed away.

The Young People's Society realized some ten dollars from the "White Elephant" sale on April 27th. Mr. McLaughlin made a good auctioneer, and all the people seemed to enjoy the sale to the full.

KITCHENER

Mrs. G. Liddy, who went to Windsor to see her husband, who is very ill in a hospital there, has returned to Kitchener and says there is little hope of his recovery.

Mr. Cresson, of Galt, has gone to a hospital to undergo a minor operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Martin is glad to learn that his father, who had been critically ill, is now well on the way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Williams celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding on April 25th. They were made the recipients of some nice presents from their friends, who wished them long life and happiness.

Mr. Gleadow, of Hamilton, was the speaker at our service on May 3d, and gave a fine sermon on "Faith, Hope and Love." The reading was from the 32d Psalm, and Mrs. M. Nahrgang and Miss P. Prus signed a hymn. There was a good attendance. Mr. Wagester, of Stratford, and Miss McQueen, of Guelph, were visitors.

LONDON

As soon as Easter Sunday passed, a stork alighted at St. Thomas and left a bouncing baby girl for the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell. This is their second daughter. Congratulations.

Stanley Youngs, who has been employed as cafe dishwasher at Tillsonburg for the past several months, is in London at present in search of work.

A nice crowd assembled at the Gould residence on Saturday night, April 18th, for the monthly party. Euchre and lotto kept everyone on their toes, and all went home feeling that ten-cent admission was well invested. The next party will be held at the residence of Miss Sophie Fishbein's parents, Ottaway Avenue, on Saturday night, May 9th.

Miss Nellie Patrick, of Lindsay, is spending some time with friends at St. Thomas.

John F. Fisher and wife spent the week-end of April 25th, at Stratford with Mr. and Mrs. W. Quinlan. Mr. Fisher took charge of the service at "Y" on Sunday, a good-sized congregation assembling. He stated that he was very happy to be with them for the first time and that he hoped to be back again. The reading came from the 18th chapter of St. John, entitled "The Election Day, or Who's to be the Man."

Mrs. David Alexander (nee Annie Blackburn), of Hensall, has left for Saskatchewan to visit her mother, whom she has not seen for a long time.

A crowd of friends surprised David Dark, Hume Street, on his sixty-fifth birthday recently, and he got several fine presents. The evening was spent in euchre and flinch, and at the conclusion a fine lunch was served, and everybody had all they could eat and drink.

A baby boy was born recently at Sarnia to Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson. This is the happy couple's second child. Congratulations are extended.

Arthur Cowan gives out that he has been employed at the postoffice now for thirty years, for which he is very proud. We hope that he will continue for a number of years. He expects to be in the new federal building in August next.

The Y. M. C. A. building is being closed on Sundays to the public during the summer, but the deaf will continue the service for some time.

Miss Jean Thompson, of Belmont, paid a surprise visit here a short time ago, and everyone was pleased to see her. She looks fine.

Messrs. George Moore and William Gould attended the Ellis service at Woodstock on Sunday, April 26th.

The annual meeting of the Springbank picnic will take place some time this month. The date and place will be announced in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

Sample copies of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL were distributed to the deaf in London last April to encourage them to subscribe. The JOURNAL is an excellent paper, published weekly, for giving out public notice and information concerning the Canadian people's progress. The subscription price of the JOURNAL is \$2 a year, \$1 for six months. Subscribe now.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beckett, of St. Thomas, have moved from 2 Metcalf Street to 100 Erie Street.

The deaf mission held its quarterly meeting at the Gould residence, Adelaide Street, on Saturday evening, May 2d. Mr. Fisher took charge and led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary. Rev. Augustus H. Staubit, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was selected as the special speaker at the Y. M. C. A., Sunday, September 7th. There was not much important business done, as the meeting lasted only 45 minutes.

Lloyd Smuck is bereaved by the death of his 80-year-old mother, who passed away at Aylmer, on April 24th, after a lengthy illness.

A letter reached the city a week ago from Windsor, saying that Mrs. Geo. McDonald is seriously ill and is not expected to live much longer. She used to live in London and was well liked by every one.

Mrs. Hannah Delaney, sister of

Simpson Thompson, one of the city's oldest residents and a member of a pioneer family here, died on Saturday evening, May 2d, at her residence, William Street. She was 83 years of age. She had spent her whole life in the city. She was a member of St. Michael's Church. The funeral was held from the family home Tuesday, May 5th, to the above church, where requiem was sung at 9 A.M. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery. Mr. Thompson has our sympathy.

A. M. ADAM.

Insects and Flowers.—It has frequently been asserted that the brilliant colors of many flowers serve to attract bees and butterflies to them. Experiments recently reported to the Belgian Academy of Sciences seem to show that the perfume rather than color of the flowers is the real attraction. Bright-colored blossoms were covered with leaves and papers pinned closely about them; yet the insects not only visited the hidden flowers, but endeavored to force their way under the papers in order to reach the blossoms which they could not see.

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Melon-Thieves

There are many things that a boy is obliged to learn from experience—and experience is sometimes a severe teacher. The best, perhaps the most useful, part of his education is quite likely to be obtained under such tutelage. Lucky the boy who goes through the first sixteen years of his life without doing, or being betrayed into doing, more than one rash act of which he will be heartily ashamed in after years.

My story is one of these hard-learned lessons of my boyhood. When about fifteen years old, like thousands of other lads I wanted to obtain a college education. A cousin, of about my age, who lived in our family, cherished a similar ambition. The means of realizing these desires, however, were not easily obtained. Our folks lived in the upper valley of the Connecticut River, and were better off in land and lumber than in ready money.

On the other side of Sawmill Brook from our homestead was a tract of woodland, twenty or twenty-five acres in extent, which had been recently burned over by forest fires. It was good land, and when our desire to go to college became a subject of family discussion, Clement and I were told that although there was no gold reserve in the paternal vaults, there was that burnt land which would produce great crops, first of Indian corn and afterward of potatoes, if we had resolution enough to cultivate it.

After raising a crop, which would require our attention from the first of June until the middle of September, the rest of the year would be at our disposal, to attend school or college, and it was agreed, since our ambition was an honorable one, to give us our time till we were one and twenty.

The next spring saw us hard at work, clearing up land and getting in a crop. We opened a road into the new lot, and built a camp and also a bridge across the brook at a point about twenty rods above the sawmill. We cultivated crops here for six seasons, and one year raised fourteen hundred bushels of potatoes, which we sold for fifty cents a bushel.

It is not with corn and potatoes, however, that my story concerns itself, but another quite different crop, a luxury crop intended for our refreshment while we should be hard at work digging potatoes in the late August and early September days. This new land proved to be remarkably good soil for melons, and on the slope to the south of our shanty we had, I really believe, the finest melon-patch north of Georgia.

On that sunny slope, and in that new soil, plentifully fertilized by long accumulations of mold, by the ashes of the forest fire and by the decay of tree-roots in the ground, three kinds of watermelons, and also muskmelons and cantaloups, grew large and ripened well. After hours of hard work digging, sorting and bagging potatoes, it was indeed a pleasure and a rest to sit down in the shade of an oak near the shanty door, and cut open one or two of those large, highly-flavored melons.

But unfortunately, we experienced the usual troubles of those who own fine melon beds. The boys living in the vicinity of our home began to plunder the patch by night. We gave melons freely to many of them, but there were those who would steal the fruit of our vines, and appeared to enjoy it. Particularly was this true of a clique of boys who worked in a chair-factory about a mile distant. These young fellows disliked us, not because we had done them injury, but as nearly as we were able to judge, because we were attempting to get a better education than most of the boys of the neighborhood. We were, they said, "sticking ourselves

up over other folks." It was, therefore, from spite, we inferred, as well as for the melons they plundered our patch. Worse still, they would kick and mutilate melons which they could not carry away.

All this was hard to bear, and by the end of the second summer Clement and I not only felt that we were abused, but we were much embittered.

It is not easy to advise what to do in the case of thievish youngsters who steal one's melons or fruit. The proper legal procedure is, of course, to watch for the rogues, catch them in the act of stealing, and either arrest them, or have them arrested and lawfully punished. That is what should always be done, when it is possible to do it. Practically, however, it is often well-nigh impossible to accomplish this.

Of all possible modes of procedure, however, Clement and I certainly chose the worst one. When these fellows began to steal our melons, the third season, we loaded two guns with duckshot and gave out word that we would shoot the first thief whom we caught in our melon-patch after dark.

We also posted warning notices, one at the bridge over the mill-stream, another on the borders of the melon-patch, and the third near the chair-factory. If I remember aright they were as follows:

"WARNING.—We will shoot the first boy or man whom we catch in our melon-patch."

Now, an armed burglar who breaks into one's dwelling-house at dead of night may be lawfully shot, although it is doubtful whether any one has the moral right to shoot him. But the person who entertains a purpose to wound, perhaps to death, a fellow-being, because of theft of melons or of other fruit, has gone very far wrong, indeed. Such loss would not justify the owner even in shooting toward the offenders without any intent to injure them. Practically, too, heavy shot is about as bad as bullets.

It is well to place this matter in a clear light; for every autumn many farmers and owners of gardens are grievously aggravated, and in moments of extreme anger are tempted to shoot the rakes who persistently pilfer their fruit. Several lamentable instances of such man-slaughter occurred last year. In every case the verdict of the jury, as well as of public opinion, was that the use of firearms was unjustifiable.

As for Clement and myself, we held at that time a hazy notion that we had a right to shoot, after posting our notices; a person who called himself a lawyer had intimated to us, in round-about language, that we might lawfully do so. Lawyers, I am sorry to say, are sometimes bad counsellors.

Our "warnings" were accepted as a challenge by the melon thieves. A few nights after, three or four of the factory boys went to the patch and stumbled over a wire that we had placed around it, by which an alarm-bell was rung that waked us.

Seizing our guns we dashed out, and, catching sight of them scurrying away, gave chase as far as the bridge and cross it—blazing away at the fugitives. They had gained a good start. We did not hit any of them, although we fired four times. But their escape was not from lack of ill-will on our part.

The war between us and our predatory neighbors was now fairly begun, and it raged for a fortnight. We were scarcely able to sleep for the vigils we were obliged to keep, and the nocturnal alarms that occurred. Our enemies divided their forces into two parties, and by raising a false alarm contrived to draw us away from the patch, while one party quietly stole melons. But we returned in time to chase them, and as their flight was impeded by baskets in which they had

placed melons, Clement, by one discharge, shot in the back one of the offenders.

But, on the second night after, our enemies practised upon us a stratagem which proved disastrous to us and more than balanced the account. I do not expect that the reader's sympathies will be with us; for every right-minded boy or girl will feel that we were in a much too sanguinary temper.

What our wily enemies did was to come by stealth, shortly after midnight, and take up the planks of our bridge over the mill-stream. It was a moonless night, and the mist had risen and lay low along the brook. The rogues left only the two-stringer timbers that spanned the sluggish stream. The water was at that time about four feet deep.

They then concealed themselves in the alders, both above and below the bridge—all but two of their number, who went to the melon-patch and gave the wire a jerk. It was attached to a bell in our shanty, which was about three hundred yards from the stream, and at once Clement and I rushed out, guns in hand. It was too dark to see the thieves, but we heard them running down the path to the bridge, and we gave chase.

"We will fix you now!" Clement shouted, as we stopped a second and fired two charges of shot at a venture, and then ran on again; for we thought we heard their feet on the bridge. When they went up the little hill on the other side, we were sure that we should be able to see them against the sky line beyond the stream.

On we rushed, and sprang upon what we supposed was the bridge. For one awful, lost moment—when expected to feel those planks under our feet—we seemed to be dangling in air! The next we were in the other element—splash—splash, splutter, guggle!

It was neither swimming nor wading; in fact, we were strangled and came near drowning, although the water was not over our heads—when we finally gained our feet on the muddy bottom.

Noses, eyes and ears were full of water; but not so full but what we could hear the exultant whoops, cheers jeers of our enemies.

"Why don't ye shoot?" they inquired. Then they catcalled us and sang—

There was a little man
And he had a little gun
And his bullets were made of lead,
lead, lead!

But when he tried to shoot
And when he tried to run
He landed in the water on his head,
head, head!

But we were beyond caring for their banter, being chiefly concerned in getting ashore. We found the bank at last and clambered out, coughing, shivering, muddy as well as wet, and went dolefully back up the path, leaving a very wet trail behind us.

Clement had lost his gun in the brook, and I might as well have left mine there, for water was running from it.

Naturally, we vowed vengeance on our tormentors, and declared that we would watch night and day for them. They, however, concluded that they were satisfied with our discomfiture, because they had made us for a time the laughing-stock of the village, and did not molest us again.

It is quite certain that the rascals deserved to be equally punished for their exasperating thefts; yet, looking back after twenty years, I am of the opinion that Clement and I were served about right. We were quite too hot and bloodthirsty, and cold-water treatment was not wholly amiss in our case.

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